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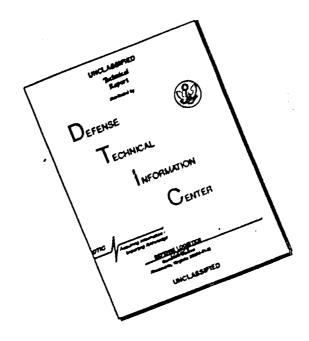
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(C) Section 1, Operations: Significant Activities.

- A. The organizational structure of the 38th Artillery Brigade (.D) is indicated in Inclosure 1. The brigade and its five subordinate batuallo a are organized under TCE 44-2E, FTCE 44-2E, TCE 44-236D, TCE 44-236D, TCE 44-237D, TOE 44-237D, TOE 44-536D, TOE 44-536D, TOE 44-537D, TOE 44-537D.
- B. There was one change of command during the period 1 Mag 1969 to 31 July 1969. On 30 July 1969 LTC Daniel J. Walsh took command of 6th Bat alion (Ma K), 44th Artillary, vice LTC Carl Leishum, who returned to CONUS.
 - C. Material Improvement Programs.
 - (1) HAWK
- (a) The Brigade "Sweekdown Program", in application of Department of Army Modification Work Orders (MdO), which increases major item effectiveness and eliminates safety hezards, continued through the reporting period. Blocks I through 6 have been completed. Block 7, consisting of 71 Pts, has been released for field application. MANK Missile Facility Morea (MFR) has two teams surveying brigade requirements. Expected completion date of subject survey is 1 Aug 69 at which time Missile command will ship requisite modifietion kits to TFK for installation.
- (b) The MANK Refurbishment Program, administered by the Raytheon Company, under which complete major items of emigment are rebuilt, has now refurbished 167 major items of equipment. Will has been give a task order from Missile Command to refurbish 582 subassemblies for major items. 30 subsame blies have been refurbished as of 25 July 1969. In addition, ETT will refurbish major float items to be used throughout Eighth / rmy. Projected completion date for the shove task orders is 1 January 1970. FOR OT UT

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(c) The brighte basic load of MFK missiles has been excludized or is now in the process of being refurbished by a Missile Command Team working at the 39th Ordnance command. Projected completion date is 1 Aug 69.

(2) Nike-Norchles

- (a) The alternate Battery Acquisition Radar Protrum (Bar), or inally scheduled for completion by January 1969, will not be completed before 1 September 1969. 6 towers and 6 sets have been accepted and an service ble except for electrical power wiring. Wiring problems are expected to be resolved by 1 September 1969. The float ABAR is expected to arrive in country by 1 august 1969. The float tower is presently under construction and is expected to be completed by 1 September 1969.
- (b) Two complete Fike Morcules systems are programmed to be exchanged. The system that will be installed at F Battery 4/44 is prepently at Inchon. It should be opprational by I September 1969. The system scheduled to replace that a Battery 4/44 has not left CO US. Projected install then completion date is not available at this time.

(3) MASS-4 Fire Distribution System

- (a) Battalion Operations Central .II/TS3-38 and AI/MSQ-18 have been replaced with rebuilt equipment at 4th Bn, 44th artillery, 7th Bn, 2d artillery and 2d Bn, 71st artillery. Rebuilt equipment will be installed at 7th Bn, 5th artillery by 15 August 1969. For projection for installation of subject equipment is available at this time for 5th Bn, 44th artillery.
- (1) The rebuilt CC, race the installed at 4th Bn, 44th Artillery, has folled to remain operational due to improper prime power. However, special shipments of repair parts are now being received from the rebuild depot and repairs should be completed by 1 October 1969.
- (2) Each Battelion in the brigade mas been assistance with FDS againtenance.
- (b) The VWF radio relay system, used to interconnect the factical sites for data link and voice control, has been augmented by the receipt of 10 each AM/MEC-73 and 7 such AM/MEC-54 equipment from the divisional units. While these first generation systems are not new, their presence should improve the backup capability of brigades VWF network.
- (c) The NICON Battery Terminal Equipment (ETE), JI/OSA-77, has replaced Coder-Decoder equipments at all 22 missile firing units. Six of the new DED's were inoperable due to manufacturing defects or compatability modification defects. Five additional units were recently received from Okingua to replace inoperable units with a sixth expected in the imaediate future. Installation

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of the six units will be performed by MICOM representatives. No projected completion date is available at this time. The six defective units, are sently in Brigade, will be returned to CONUS through MICOM chancels. The two float units were shipped from CONUS 1 July and are expected in country in the near future.

(d) The old Coder-Docoder Group (CDG) equipment, released from service when replaced by BTE's, have been cannibalized, per DA authority, to assist in maintaining OC equipment. Arrangements have been made to provide certain parts from the CDG's to RTAG for use by let TDA Brigade (RCK) CDG's. Bright is presently awaiting instructions from EA for disposition of CDT hulks.

(4) Vehicles

- (a) Required annual "groof load testing" of the HAWK loader/transporter XM501E3 has been completed. Twolve loaders, or 25% of the brigade fleet, were found to have faulty vokes. EA has 14 yokes due out which are not expected at DSU's before 10 Oct 69. Trany of the loaders with faulty yokes can be used in an emergency but an element of danger would be involved sinct the missiles would not late's correctly. Only 2 of the 6 "float" loaders in overational.
- (1) Mandatory requirements prescribe that all latches and pins be replaced every 200 hours or annually, whichever occurs first. FASCO' will perform the above replacement. Parts are presently being stocked but no projected conpletion date is available at this time.
- (2) Organizational maintenance of HAWK loader/transporters is generally poor throughout the brigade. Pattalions Commanders will make use of the (ALC) representative assigned to their units in order to improve the maintenance posture of this equipment.
- (b) Units throughout the brighne are experiencing maintenance problems with the 1½ Ton truck, 1715. Equipment Inprovement Reports will be subsided to ATAC in order to permit the government to utilize their war at with the menufacturer.
- D. Brigade inputs for conversion of all units within the commend to G-Series TOS will be submitted to Sighth Army by 28 August 1969. Some problems were encountered in mosting proposed strongth ceilings, but were resolved through several conferences between Englith Army and Brigade representatives.
- E. Site Brittmere, VMF/NMF site for Headquarters, 4th Britilion (Here), 44th Artillory, was relocated to Site Fresno. The new site because operational on 15 June 1969 and resulted in an overall increase in communications reliability and alleviation of requirements for five Eighth Army and 33th Bright radio relay stations.
- 2. (C) Section 2, Lessors Learned: Commanders's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

- A. Porso el.
- (1) Critical Short go of Senior "CO's, 105 37M40 and 31Z50.
- (a) COSTRVACION. The combat effective was of an integrated air defense system is directly related to the reliability of its communications system limiting the firing betteries, between operation contrals and the hir Defense Commands Posts. It is difficult to adequately maintain communications without a full communication senior "CO's.
- (b) DAINATION. Of a total of eighth (8) authorized E7s and E3s, MCS 31140 and 31250, this brighds is currently assigned three (3). With forty-curse operational MCC/UMF sit s, adequate supervision connot be performed a couly three senior NCC s.
- (c) RECOMMENDATION. The Both Erizeds be given a high priority for replacement of E7s and E3s in MASS 31140 and 31250 from both Eighth army and Department of the Army assources.
 - B. Oper tions.
 - (1) Moisture in HAWN Lau cher Slip Rings.
- (a) CREAN TELL. Many problems with MANN launchers develop as a result of moisture in the slip rings. This especially is evident during the raing season and during fall and suring, when seasonal temperature changes cause condensation.
- (b) DIALTATON. An effective solution to this mobilem was to completely seal the contact assisting and replace existing air with dry nitrogen. Two holes were drilled into the contact assumbly case to allow placement of a ourging fitting and a neisture indicator. One large hole was drilled near the top front and the point and the purging unit was scaled in place. The second hole was drilled near the bottom front and the purging unit was scaled in place. Scaling can be accordished with enexy or other suitable scal and thrue to five pounds pressure of dry hitrogen applied to insure that no misture can leak in. Total installation time is five hours. An EIR has been submitted, recommending this modification.
 - (c) PROMMET DARIOT. That the EIR be considered for application.
 - (2) Modulator Oscillator Failure.
- (a) OBSAVATION. The modulator oscillator in the CW Acquisition Radar has an FF absorbtion stub which receips all reflected IF forward power until the modulator oscillator cavity has tuned itself to the same frequency as the output of the oscillator. In cases when the cavity is unable to tune to the desired frequency, the absorbtion stub becomes extremely hot and burns out the modulator oscillator.

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- (b) EVALUATION. A effective solution is to attach a thermal switch directly to the absorbtion stub with evoxy or other suitable cement. The switch is designed to open at approximately 192 degrees, which is below the relting point of the absorbtion stub, and any time the stub overheats the switch opens, thereby, breaking the radiate interlock command which automatically oscillator without danger of damage to equipment. An EIR has been submitted recommending this NWO for application.
 - (c) RECOME DATION. That the MR be considered for application.
 - C. Training. "ona.
 - D. Intelliance.
 - (1) Site Security.
- (a) COTER TECT. Several site penutration attempts have been conducted on units of this command by higher headquarters.
- (b) W.LU.TTOM. In all chaus, whether successful or unsuccessful, local communders have benefited from the attempts. In addition to aldring communders to their physical security problems areas and verknesses, these penetrations also serve to instill in all paraomed a sense of urgency and importate in maintaining effective physical security.
- (c) RECOMMETERATION. That menetration attempts continue on a frequent and unarmounced basis.
 - (2) Sentry Dog Handlers.
- (a) ORCERVATION. Battery Commanders throughout the brigade are having difficulty replacing sontry dog handlers departing to CONUS.
- (b) EVALUATION. A serious shortage exists throughout Eighth Army and especially in the 38th Prigade in MOS 95B, qualified sentry dog handlers. Unit commanders must rely on a qualified battery personnel to volunteer and be trained as nextry dog handlers, which results in operation I compower shortages.
- (c) RECOMMENDATION. MOS qualified sentry dog handlers should be assigned to the brigade on a regular basis.
 - E. Logistics. None
 - F. Organization. No a
 - G. Signal.
 - (1) VHF/UHF Communications. 5

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- (*) OF MATON. There have been reveral break owns in ISP/UNE communications network with lost discrete internations in two man Air Defense Co. . . . Post and a fining bath or have been sec stary.
- (b) TVALHATION. The Brigade does not have the more spary equi ment or qualified personnel to evaluate the natwork or Defense Communications Avency extandand corparsion.
- (c) TDOOMETON TOT. This a qualified team by tabled rise evaluation of the Bright WOMEN communications advork to determine it's effective mess and carabilities.

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- 1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed subject report. The following comments supplement the report.
- 2. (3) deference item concerning Gritical Shorts e of Senior 300, 103 31240 and 31250, page 4, para 2A(1). The present personnel status and forecast for NOSs and grades authorized 38th Artillery Britishs are:

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	Authorized	Assigned	Losses	September	October
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There will be some relief for the shortages in these MOSs in September of a October.

- 3. (1) Reference item concerning loisture in MAWA Launcher Blio discis, page 4, para 28(1). Concur.
- h_{\bullet} (11) deference item concerning Modulator Oscillator Failure, page h_{\bullet} para 2B(2). Concur.
- 5. (3) deference item concerning Site Security, page 5, para 20(1). Concur. Eighth Army Nuclear Surety Standard Operating Procedure requires penetration attempts on a continuing unannounced basis.
- 6. (C) Reference item concerning Sentry Dog Handlers, page 5, para 2J(2). In response to an emergency requisition submitted by Eighth Army for sentry dog handlers, Department of the Army stated that the handlers would arrive before 15 September 1969. Upon their arrival they will be assigned to 33th Artillery Brigade. Additionally, 22 military policemen due to arrive in September have volunteered for sentry dog handler training. After their arrival and training, they will be used to alleviate the shortage of sentry dog handlers in the 38th Artillery Brigade.
- 7. (U) Reference item concerning Vir/UHF Communications, page 5, page 2G(1). Initial investigation reveals that there is a possibility of

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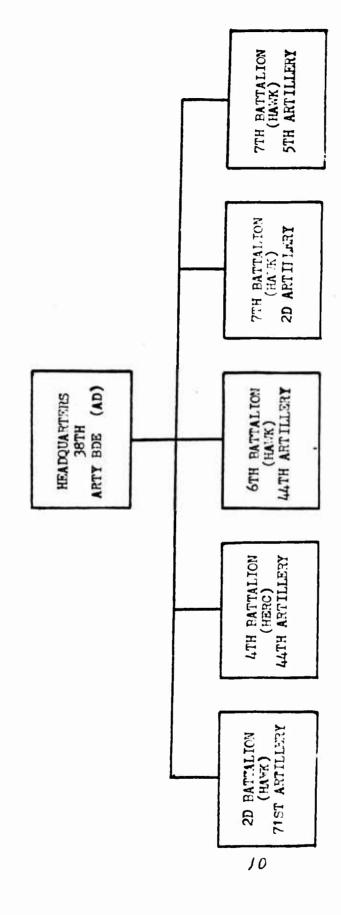
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